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In re the Application of:

Leon W.M.M. Terstappen, Galla Chandra Rao, Herman Rutner, and Paul A. Liberti

Application/Control Number: 09/801,471

Application Filed: March 7, 2001

Title: Labeled Cells For Use As An Internal Functional Control In Rare Cell Detection Assays.

Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: Karen A. Canella, Ph.D.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

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Enclosed please find an authorization for Power of Attorney and a change of correspondence address form (PTO/SB/81) for all subsequent correspondence in the prosecution of this application (09/801,471). A statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) (PTO/SB/96) has been included. In addition, recordation of the assignment has been in evidence (see Reel 012064, Frame 0997) and copies of the assignment have been included.

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Drawings:

Applicants acknowledge the objections raised by the draftsman referring to the noted informalities of form PTO-948. Applicants are submitting the same drawings (Figures 1-7) with more legible numbering. Upon notification of allowable subject matter, applicants will finalize correction to the drawings to overcome all objections. In response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2002, applicants hereby amend the above application as follows: